

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

Des Plaines River Trail: South Extension Planning Study

Project Steering Committee Meeting

4/12/2019



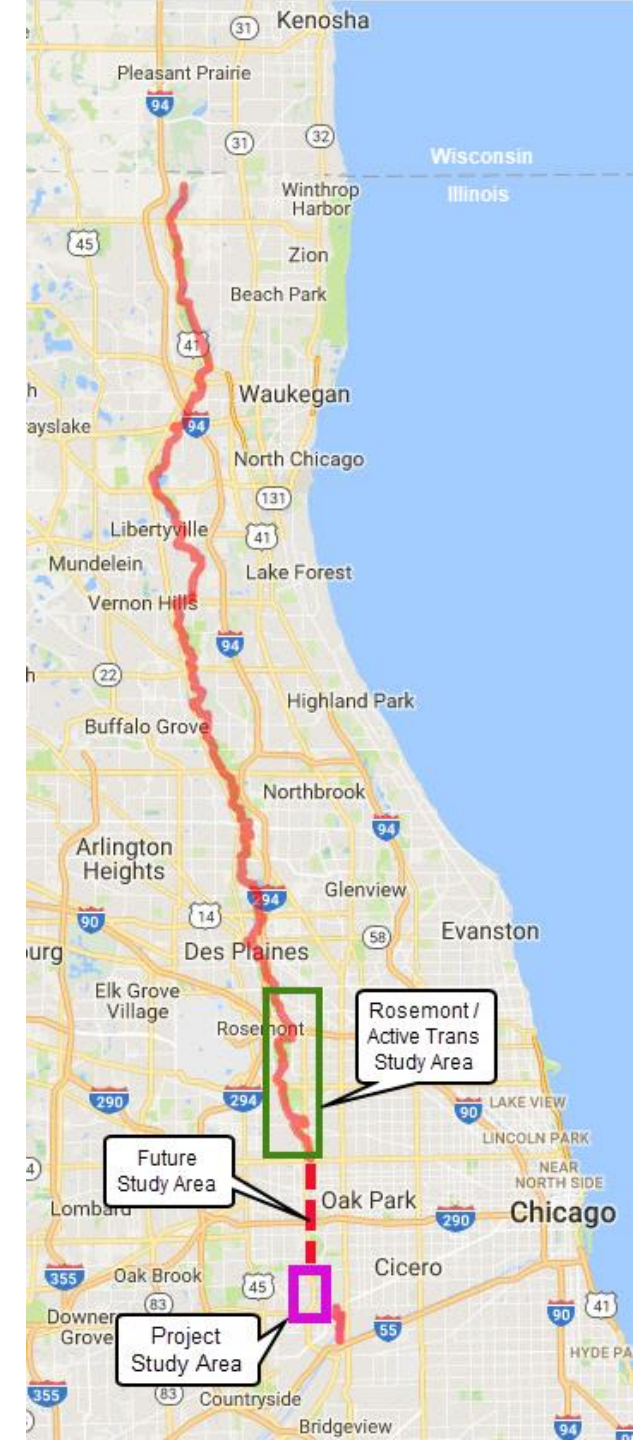
Meeting agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Summary of Existing Conditions Report
- MetroQuest Survey
 - Survey promotion / dates
- Next steps

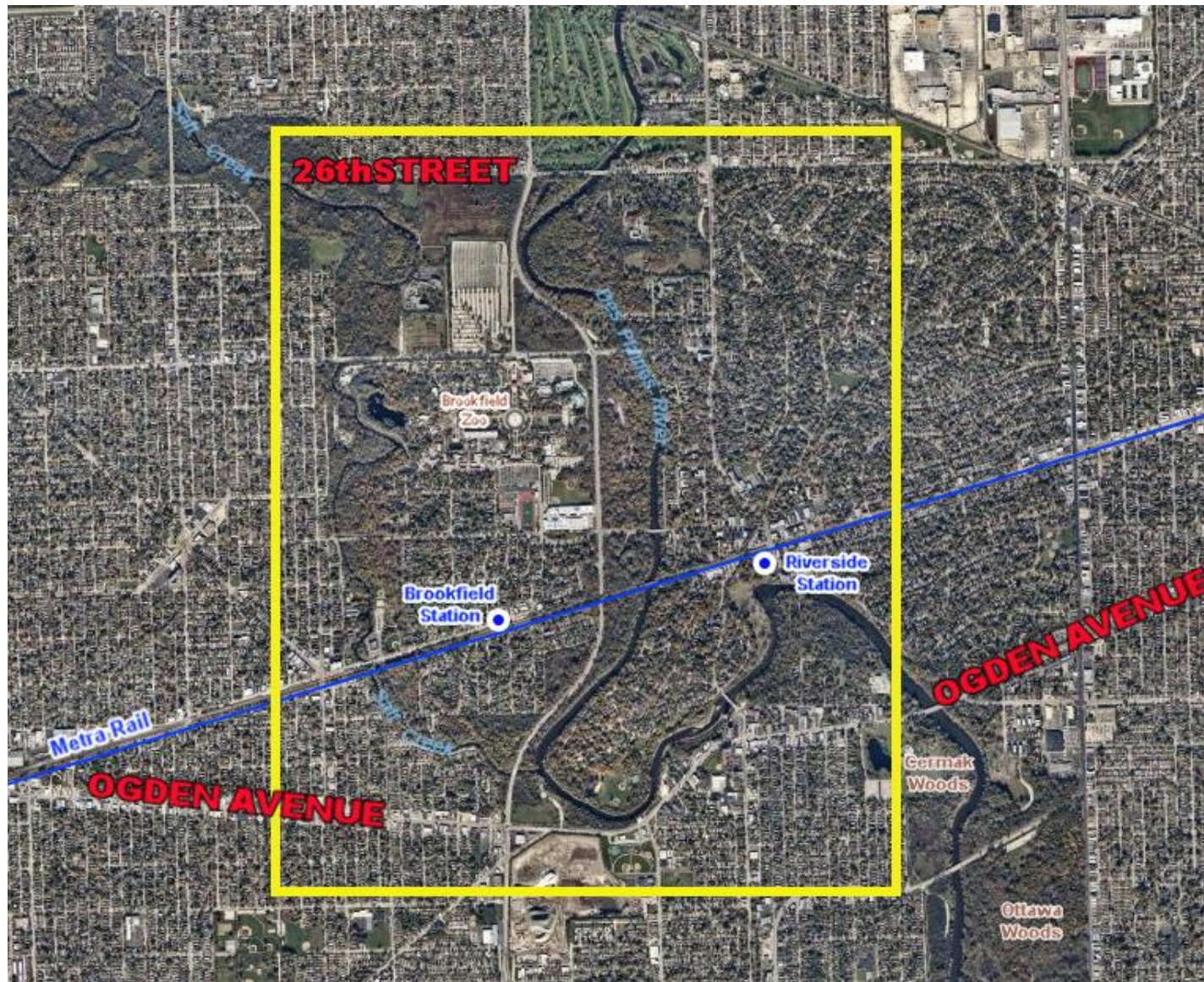


PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Des Plaines River Trail runs 55 miles from Wisconsin border to Jerome Huppert Woods, near Oak Park
- 6 mile gap in trail exists between North Ave. and Ogden Ave.
- Rosemont / Active Trans are currently studying improvements to trail between Touhy and North
- FPDCC applied to LTA to study potential trail alignments between 26th St. and Ogden Ave.
- A continuous trail along the Des Plaines River is called for in many plans and studies



PROJECT STUDY AREA



Project Objectives

- **Identify** potential trail alignments and key community connector routes
- **Evaluate** feasibility / desirability of identified alignments
- **Conduct outreach and engage** key stakeholders
- **Select a preferred alternative(s)** to advance toward implementation



CORE TEAM

CMAP

FPDCC

Village of Riverside

Village of Brookfield

Village of Lyons

Village of North Riverside

STEERING COMMITTEE

Brookfield Zoo

Olmsted Society

Active Trans

Councils of Mayors

IDOT

CCDOTH

Bike Shop Owner

KEY PARTNERS

Friends of the Forest Preserves

Salt Creek Greenway Association

Riverside-Brookfield High School

Metropolitan Planning Council

MWRD

IDNR



SCOPE OF WORK

Phase 1: Project orientation

Phase 2: Assess existing conditions

- **ECR Shared with SC on Feb. 1**

Phase 3: Identify and evaluate potential trail alignments

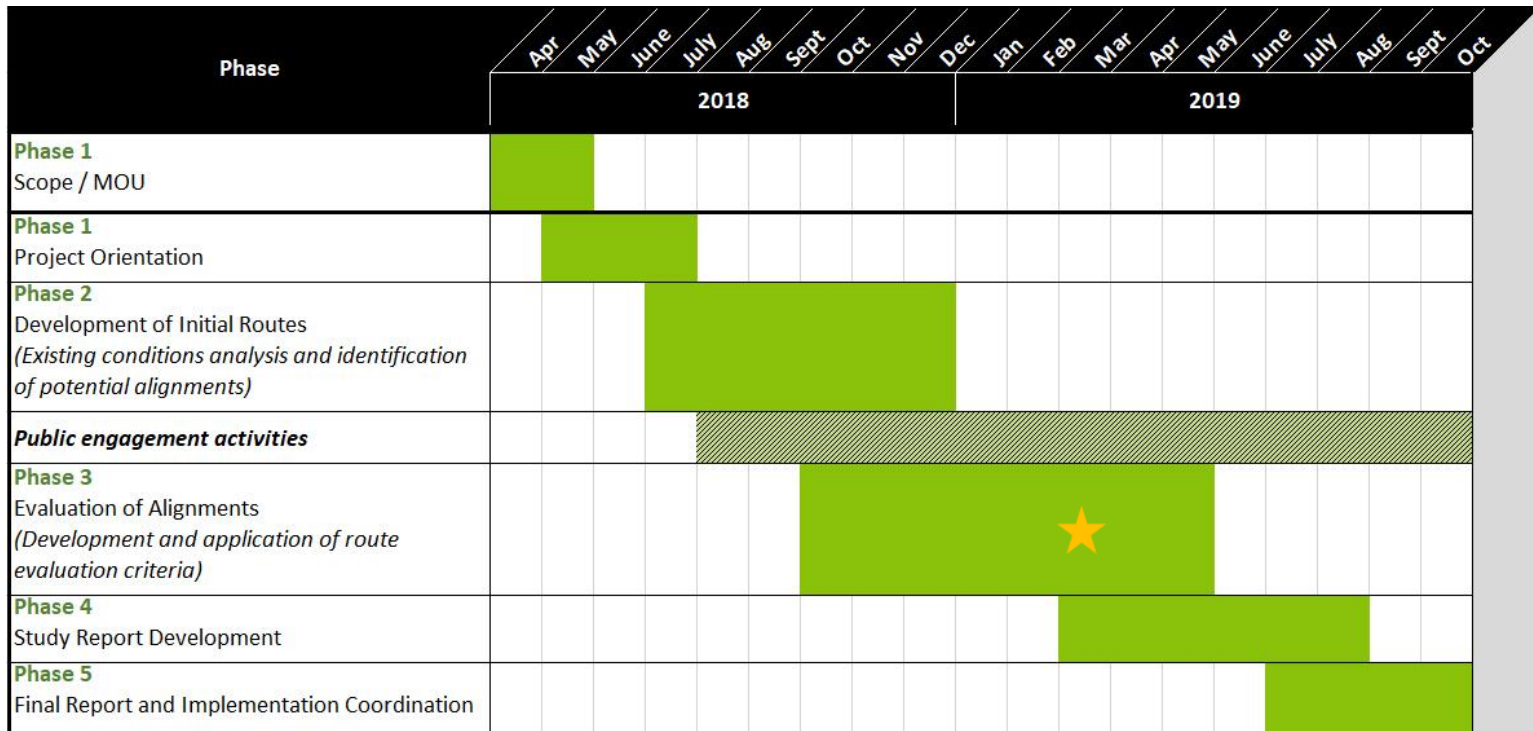
- **Key Recs Memo**

Phase 4: Draft Study Report

Phase 5: Final Report and Implementation Coordination

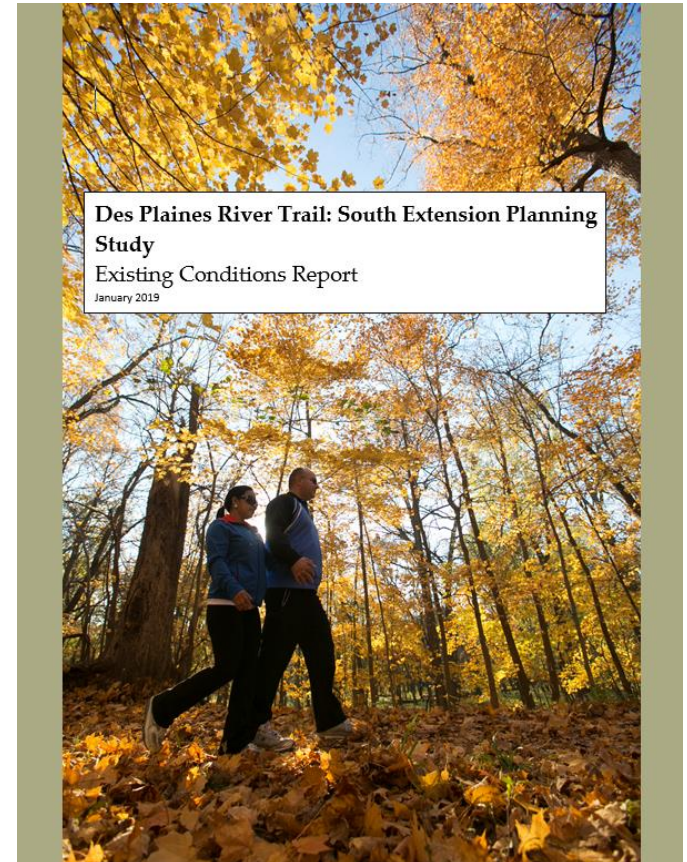
PROJECT TIMELINE

Five phases to be completed over 18 months

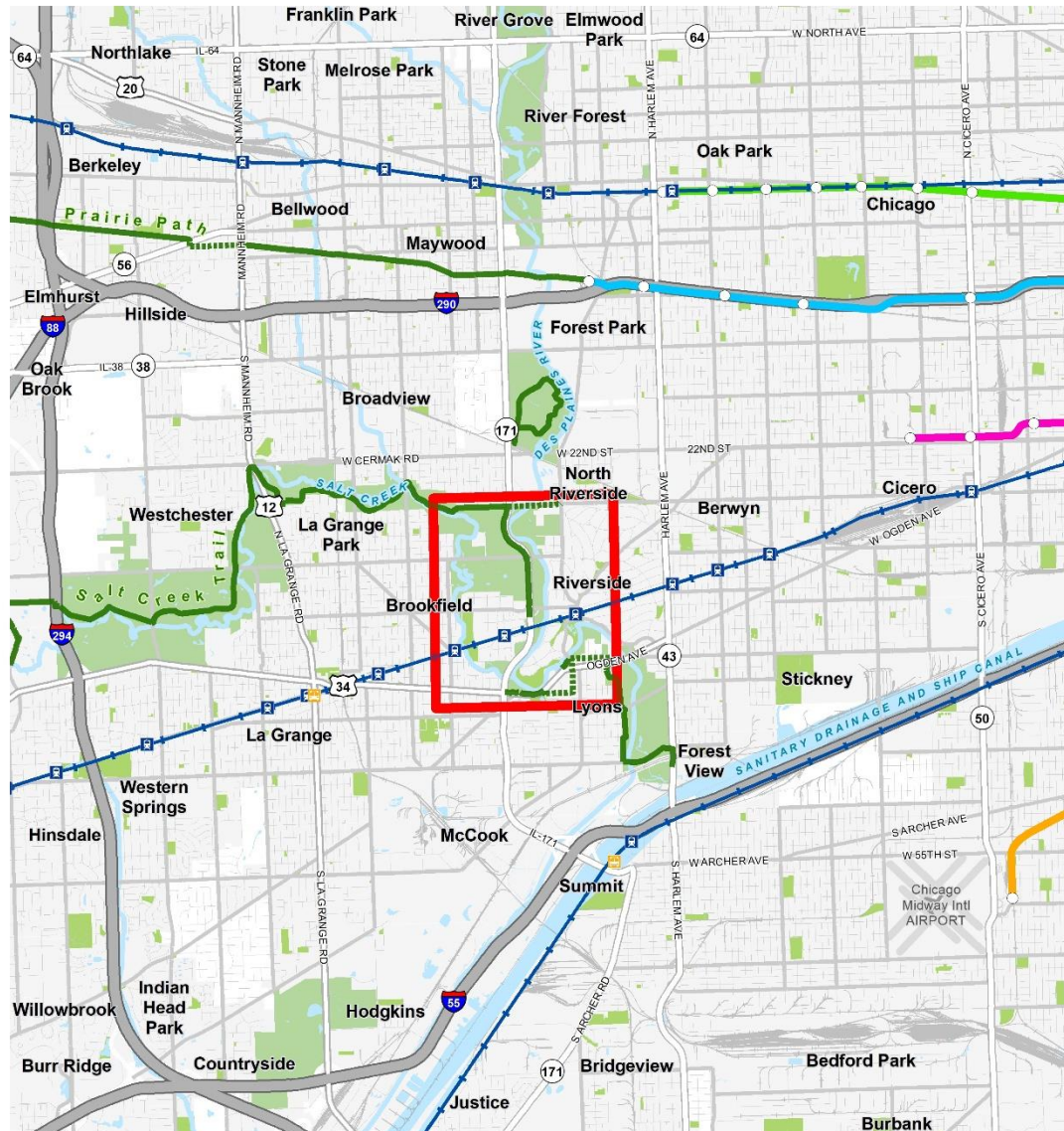


EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

- Introduction
- Study Area Profile
- Relevant Plans, Studies, and Initiatives
- Community Outreach
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Looking Ahead



REGIONAL CONTEXT (Study Area Profile)



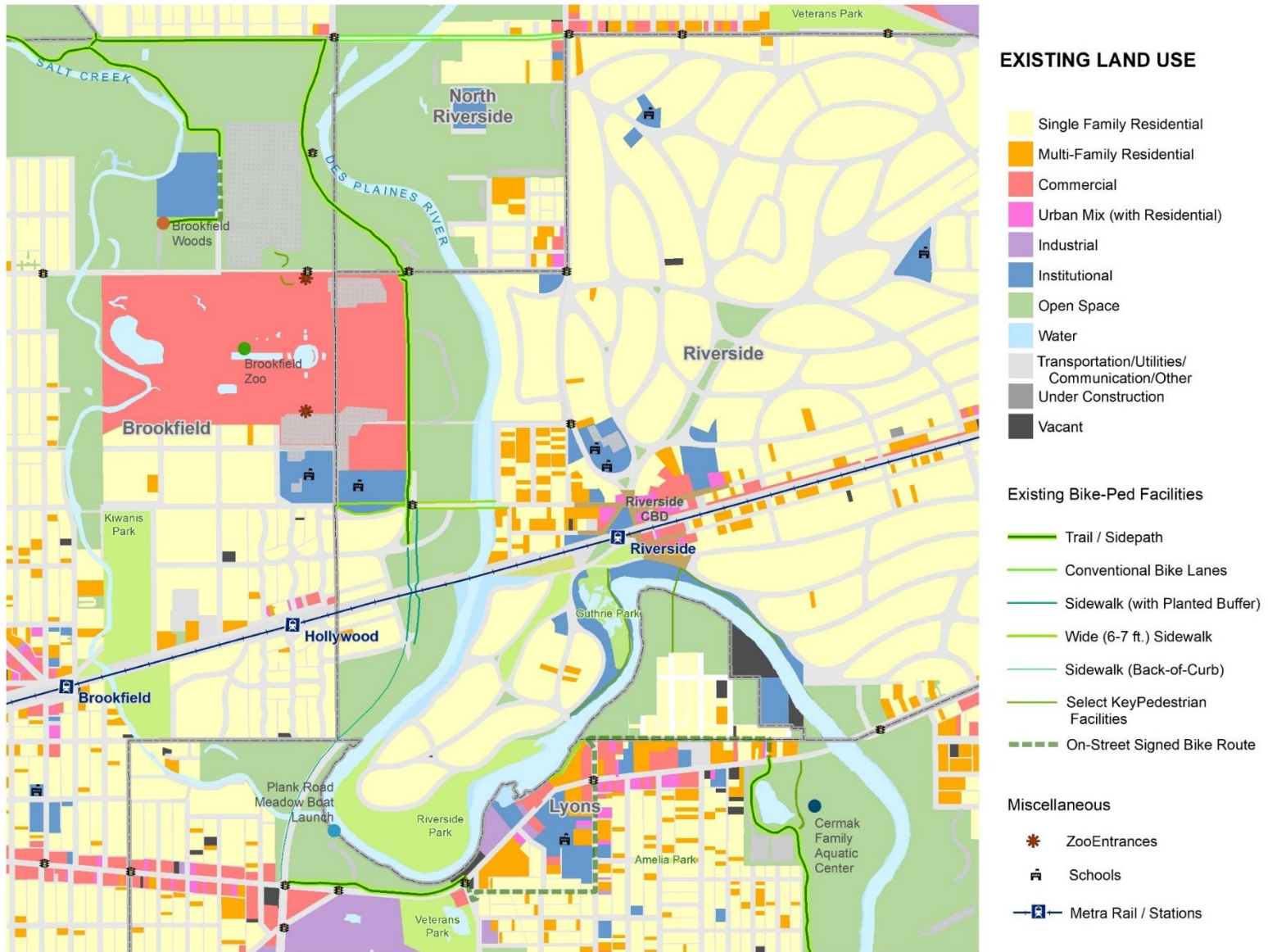
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- Green Line
- Orange Line
- Pink Line
- Metra Rail Line
- Metra Stations
- CTA Rail Stations
- Airport
- Amtrak Stations
- Freight Rail Lines
- Interstates
- U.S. Roads
- State Roads
- County Forest Preserve
- Parks
- Regional Trails
- On-Street Trail Segments



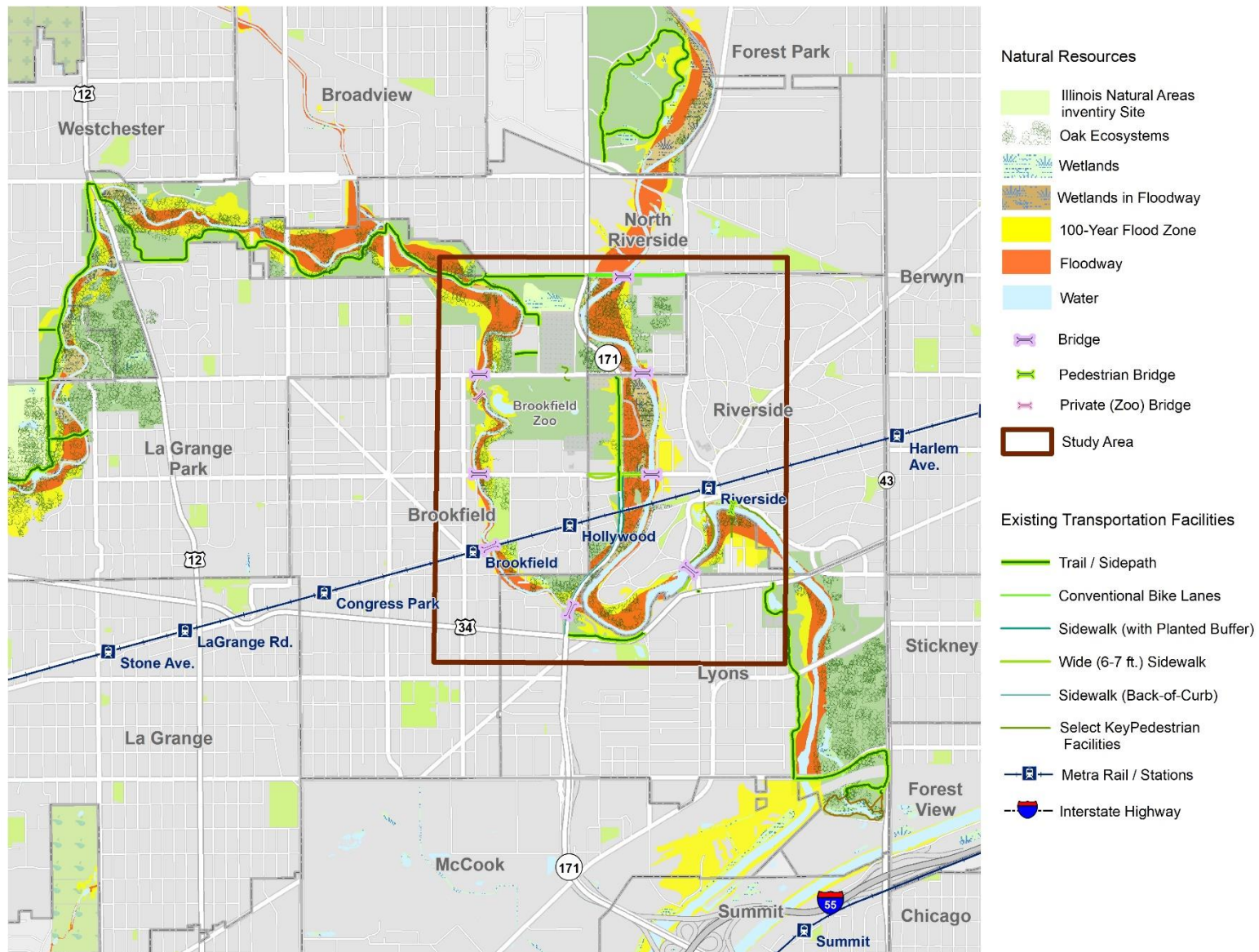
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 2018.



EXISTING LAND USE (Study Area Profile)

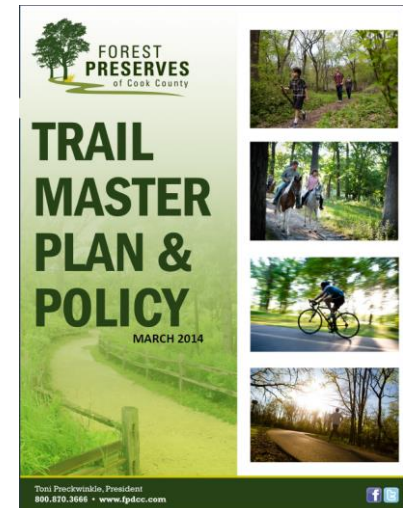
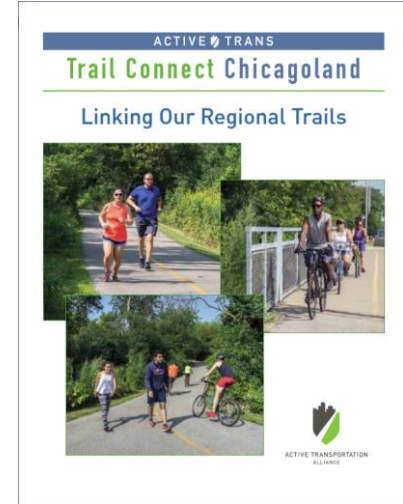
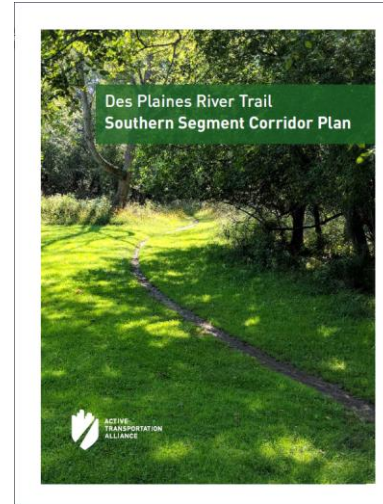


ENVIRONMENT (Study Area Profile)

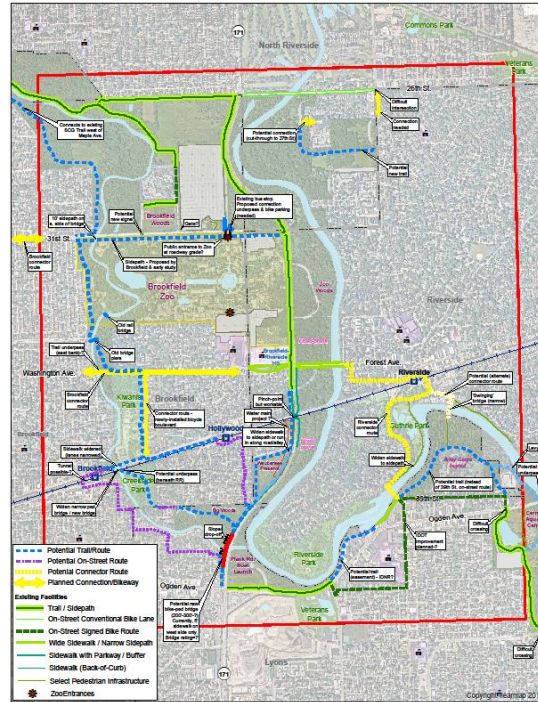
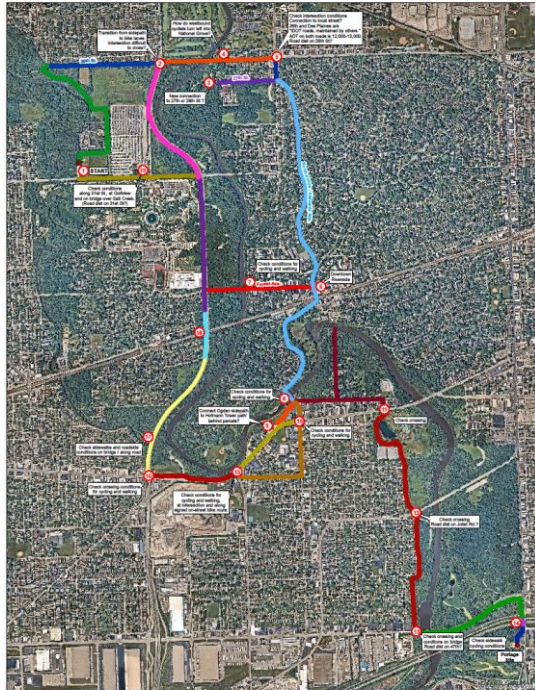


RELEVANT PLANS, STUDIES, INITIATIVES

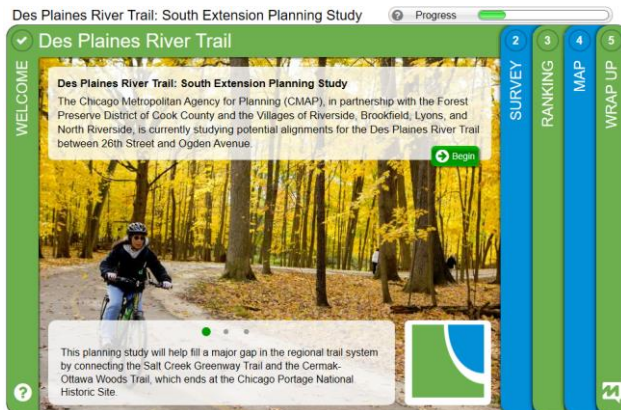
- Des Plaines River Trail Coalition
- Des Plaines River Trail: Southern Segment Corridor Plan: Touhy to North Trail
- Connect Chicagoland Vision Plan
- Brookfield Comprehensive Plan
- Brookfield Active Transportation Plan
- Riverside: Village-Wide Traffic Study
- Lyons Comprehensive Plan
- FPDCC Trail Master Plan
- FPDCC Recreation Master Plan
- Riverside Central Business District Plan
- West Central Municipal Conference Bike Plan



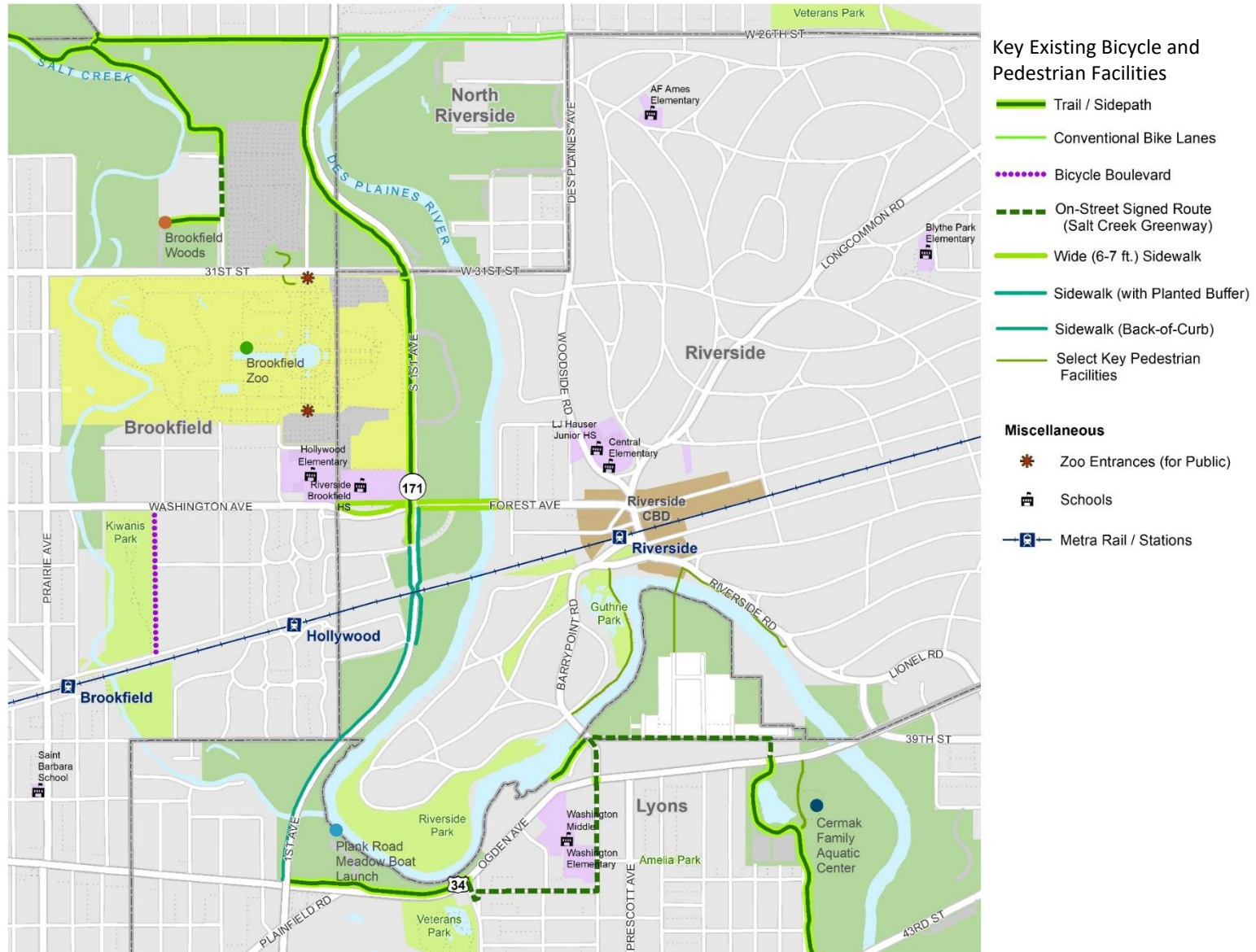
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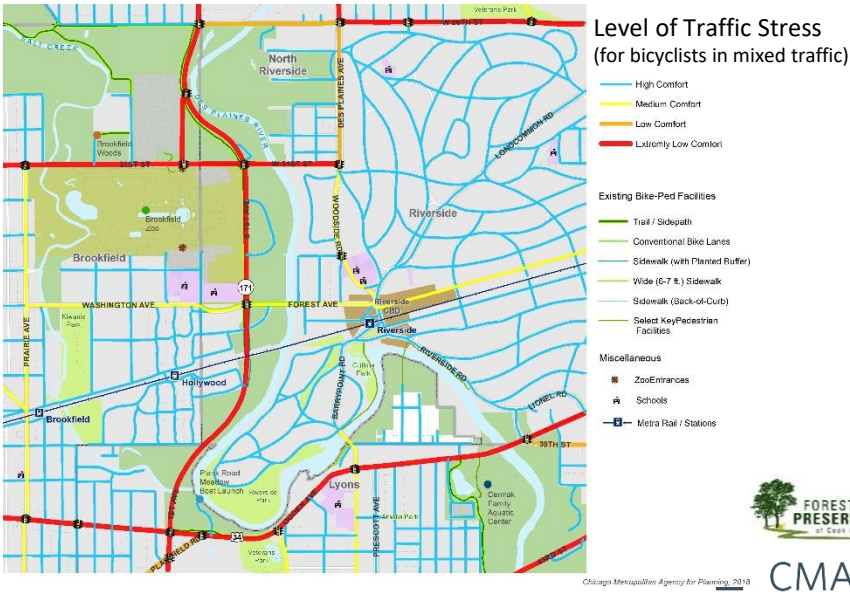
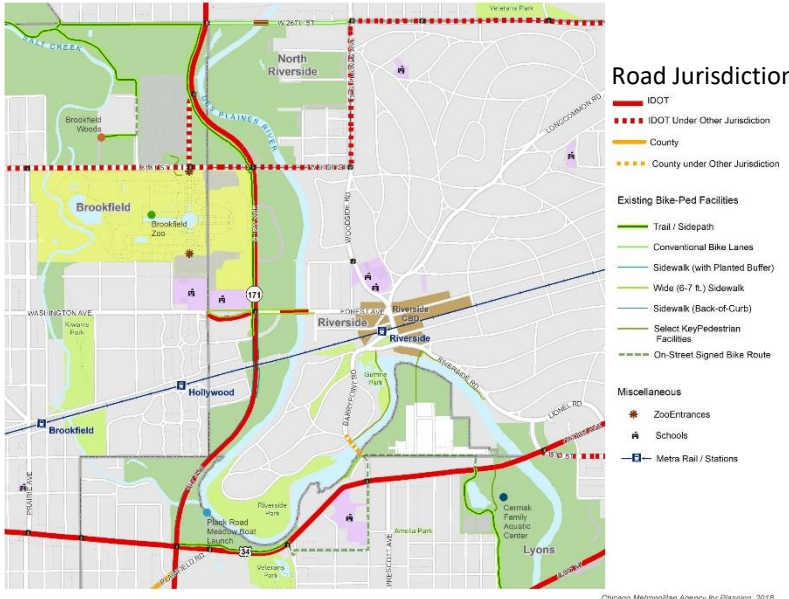
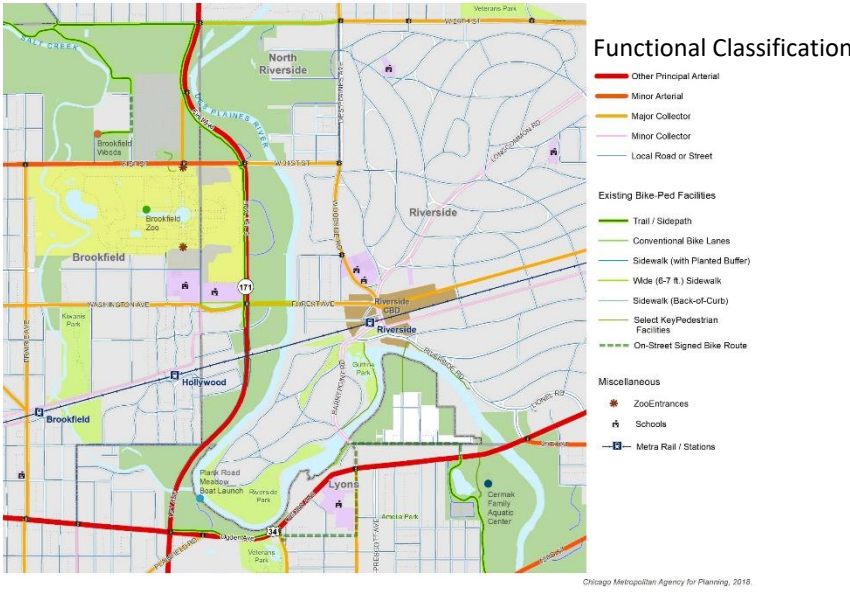
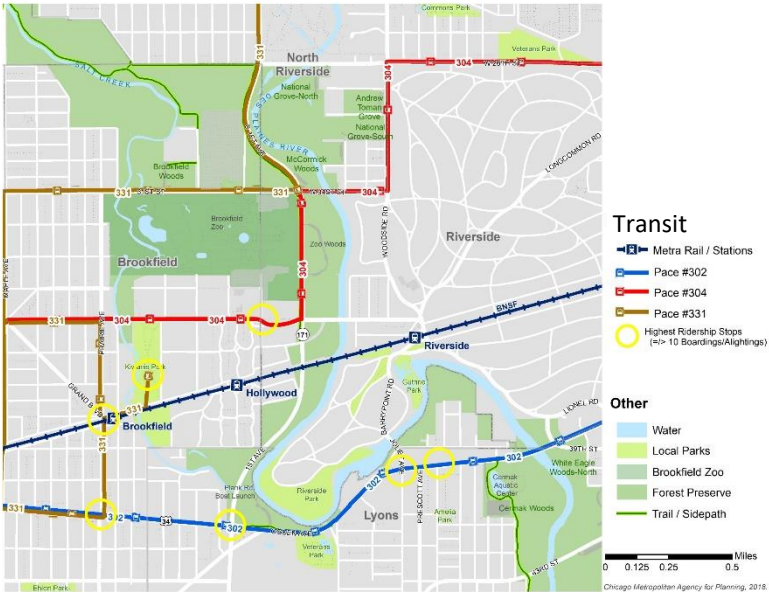
- Study Area Bike Tour
- Steering Committee meetings / input
- Key Stakeholder Interviews
- MetroQuest Survey (under development)



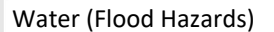
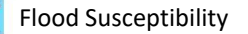
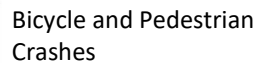
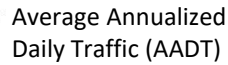
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE



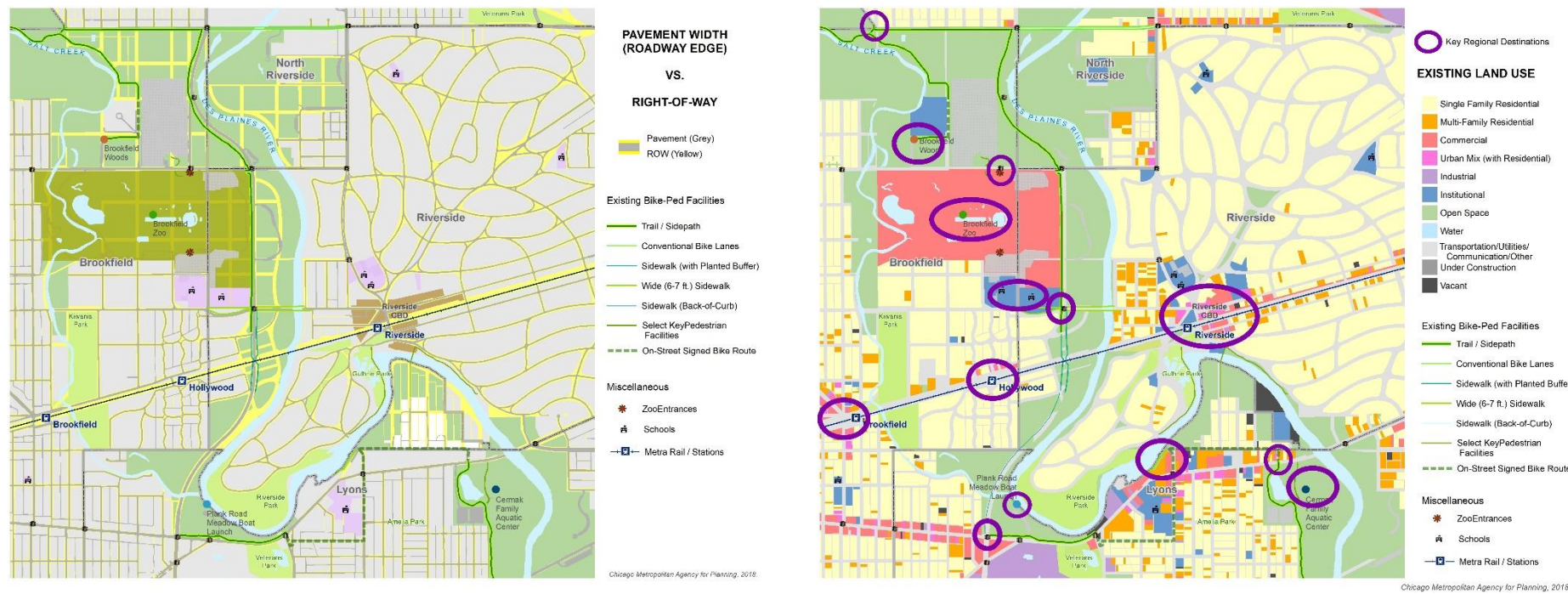
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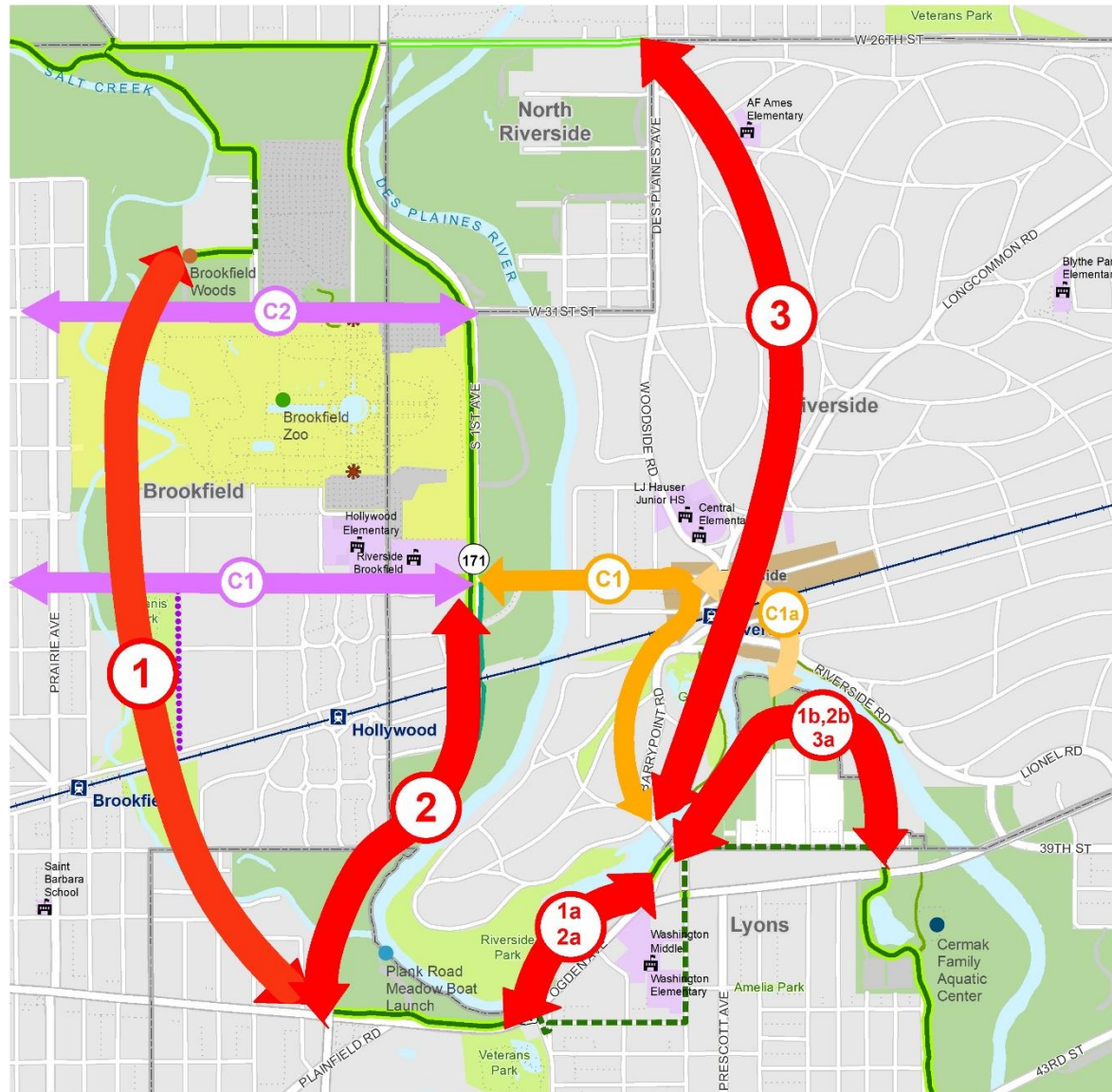
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KEY FINDINGS (Looking Forward)

- Recent, significant investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure should be leveraged
- Partner communities are committed to improving conditions and opportunities for bicycling and walking
- Riverside and Brookfield have identified viable on-street community bike routes in previous plans
- Stakeholders / trail users prefer off-street routes that maintain a sense of traveling in a natural setting
- Hoffman Dam removal has significantly altered hydrology of the Des Plaines River in parts of the study area
- Brookfield Zoo may benefit from improved bicycle access

POTENTIAL CORRIDORS



Potential Trail Corridors and Community Connector Routes

- 1** Trail Option 1: Salt Creek Corridor
- 2** Trail Option 2: 1st Avenue Corridor
- 3** Trail Option 3: Riverside Corridor
- C1** Community Connector Route: Riverside - Forest Avenue
- C1a** Community Connector Route: Riverside - Swinging Bridge
- C1** Community Connector Route: Brookfield - Washington Ave.
- C2** Community Connector Route: Brookfield - 31st St.

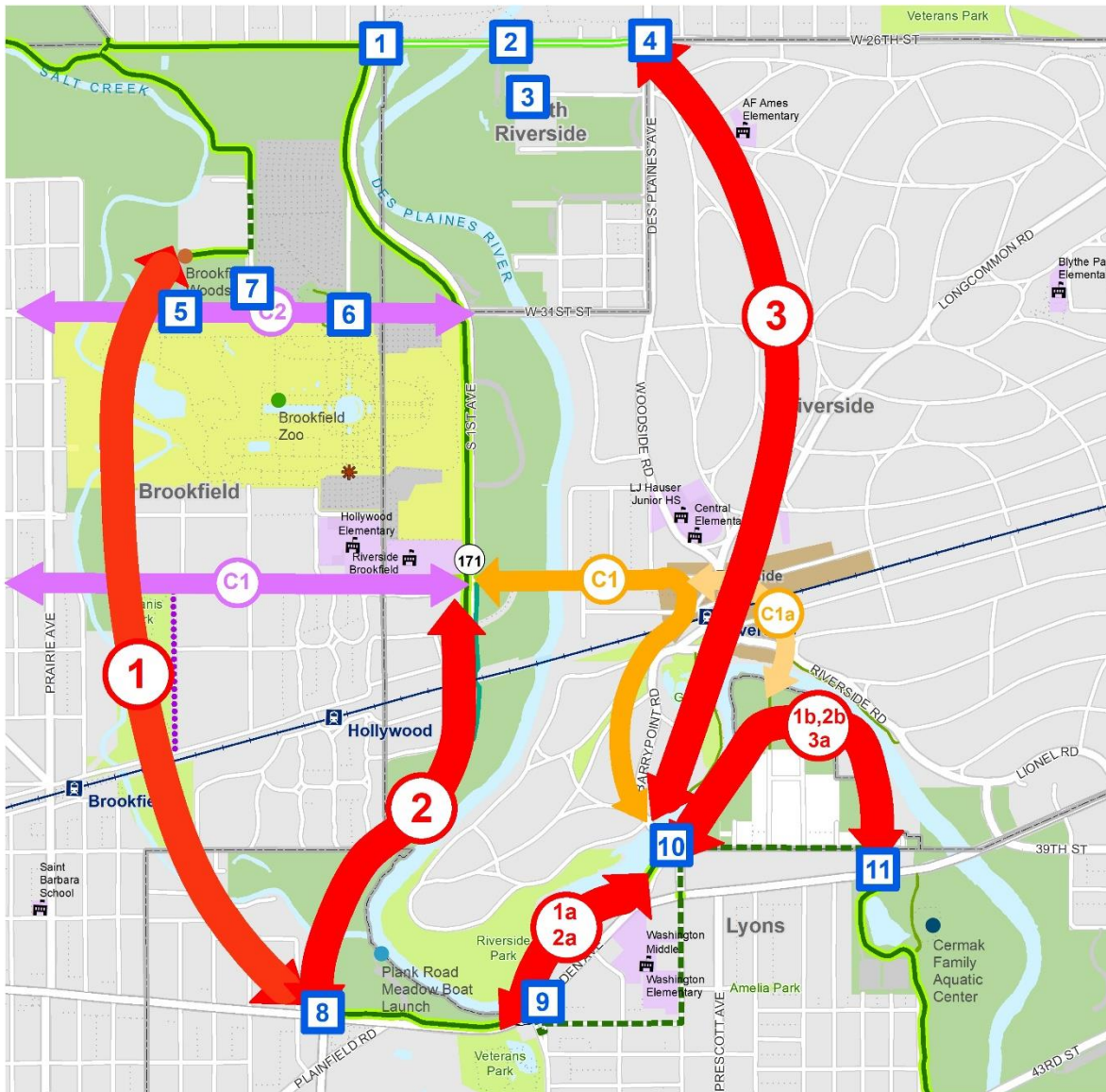
Key Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

- Trail / Sidepath
- Conventional Bike Lanes
- Bicycle Boulevard
- On-Street Signed Route (Salt Creek Greenway)
- Wide (6-7 ft.) Sidewalk
- Sidewalk (with Planted Buffer)
- Sidewalk (Back-of-Curb)
- Select Key Pedestrian Facilities

Miscellaneous

- Zoo Entrances (for Public)
- Schools
- Metra Rail / Stations

POTENTIAL SPOT LOCATIONS



Spot Improvement Locations

- 1** 26th St. & 1st Ave.
- 2** 26th St. & National Grove
- 3** National Grove & 27th St.
- 4** 26th St. & Desplaines Ave.
- 5** 31st St. & Brookfield Woods
- 6** 31st St. & Golfview Ave.
- 7** McCormick Ave. / Zoo parking
- 8** 1st Av. & Ogden Ave.
- 9** Ogden Ave. & Lawndale Ave.
- 10** Millbridge/Joliet Rd. & 39th St.
- 11** Cermak-Ottawa Woods Trail at Ogden Ave.

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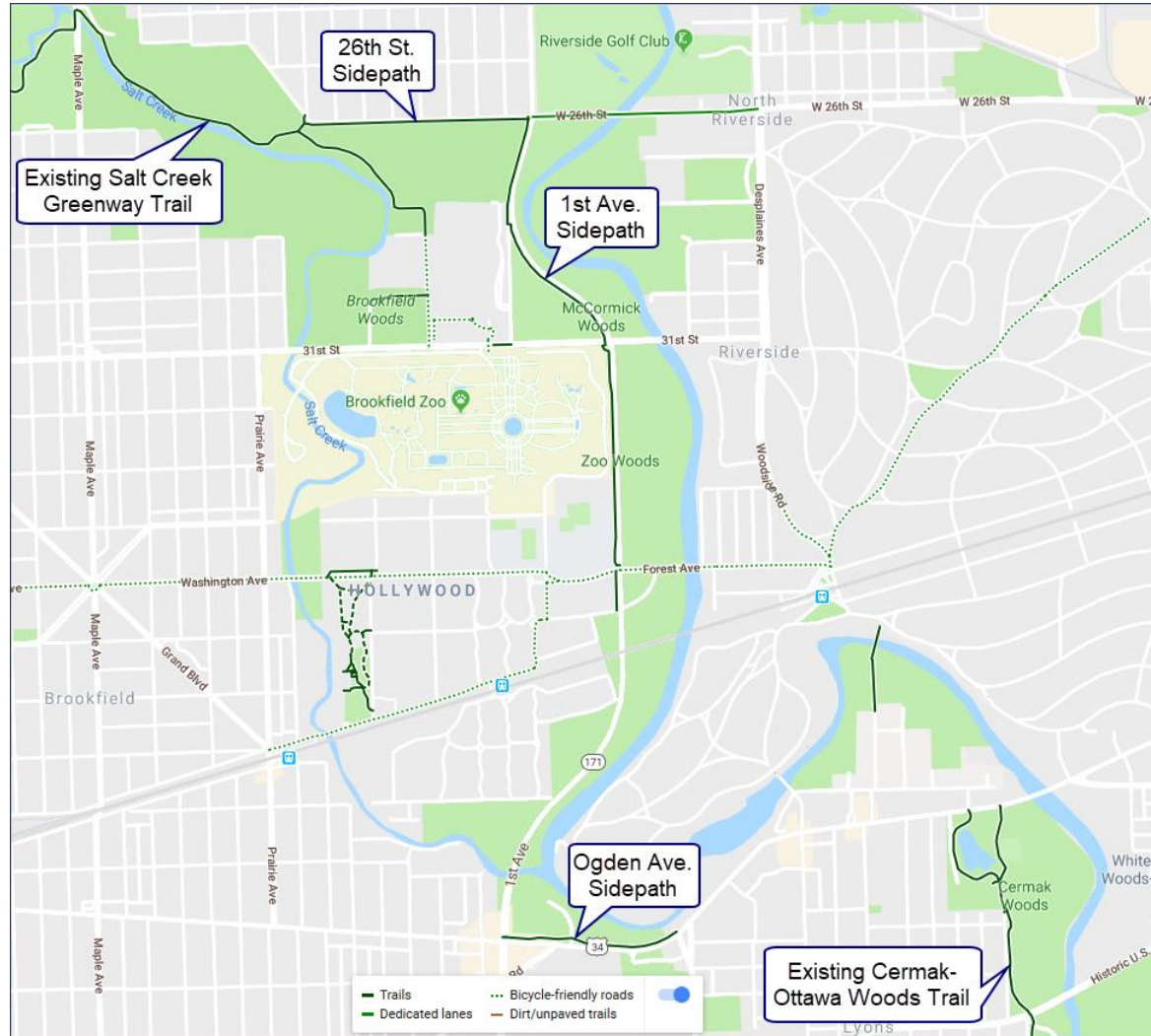
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KEY OPPORTUNITIES

- Newly- or recently-built sidepaths along 26th St. and 1st Ave. (which connect to the Salt Creek Greenway Trail), and along Ogden Ave. between 1st Ave. and Lawndale Ave.
- Robust bicycle accommodation on south side of 31st bridge over Salt Creek, included as part of bridge reconstruction
- 31st St. access / entrance area to Brookfield Zoo, and existing signalized intersection at 31st St. and Golfview Ave.
- “Remnant” bridges/footings over Salt Creek (at the far western end of Zoo property)
- FPDCC lands along west side of 1st Ave. between Parkview Ave. and Ogden Ave. (Waubansee Preserve)
- New land along the Des Plaines River (resulting from the removal of Hoffmann Dam)
- Ongoing acquisition of flood-prone properties north of 39th Street, in the Riverside Lawn area

KEY OPPORTUNITIES – Existing and recent investments in bikeways



KEY OPPORTUNITIES – Bicycle accommodation on 31st St. bridge (over Salt Creek)



KEY OPPORTUNITIES – Brookfield Zoo (North Entrance)



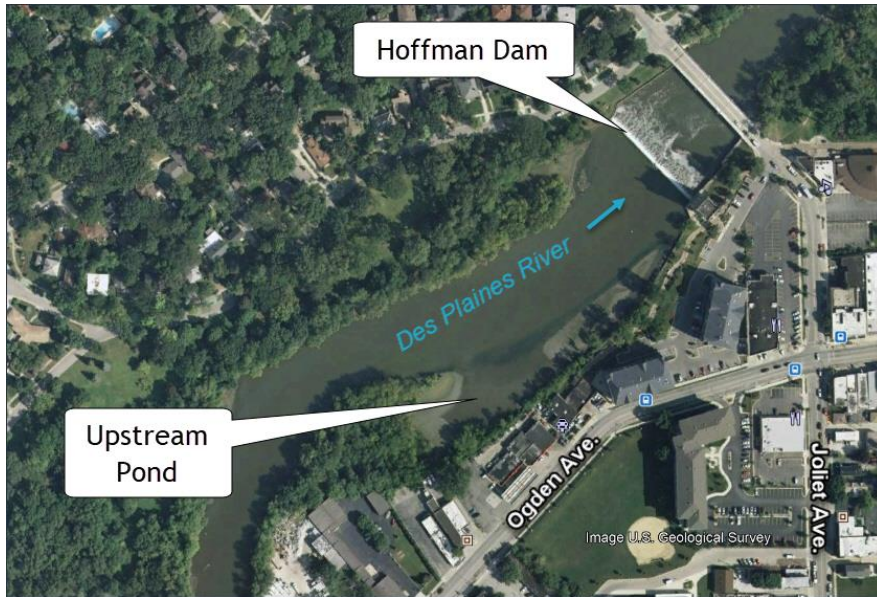
KEY OPPORTUNITIES – Remnant bridges/bridge pillars (over Salt Creek, at western end of Zoo)



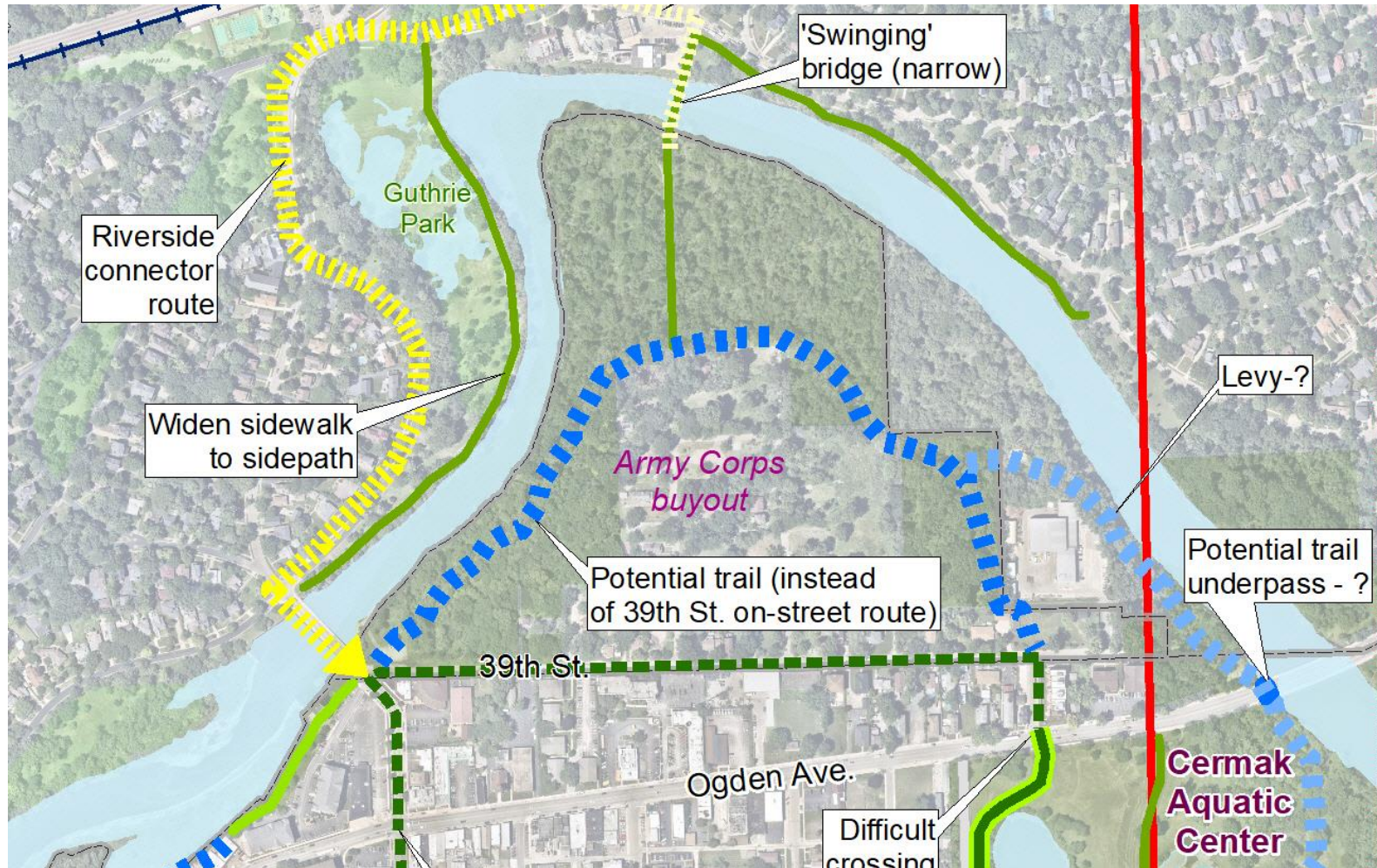
KEY OPPORTUNITIES – Forest Preserve lands adjacent to (west side of) 1st Avenue



KEY OPPORTUNITIES – New land along Des Plaines River (due to Hoffman Dam removal)



KEY OPPORTUNITIES – FPDCC lands and ongoing acquisition of property in Riverside Lawn area



KEY OPPORTUNITIES – New guidance/treatments for pedestrian crossings at uncontrolled locations

PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON

Champaign, IL



Peoria Heights, IL



RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON

Westchester, IL





THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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**Steering Committee Meeting
April 12, 2019**

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**Project Website:
<https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs/LTA/des-plaines-river-trail-study>**